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25 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ] Department of State

ATTENTION : Mr. T. Achilles Polyzoides

SUBJECT : Security Protection of [ ] Projects

REFERENCE : A. [ ]

B. [ ]

1. Your memorandum of 4 May 1962 has been received at this office. To assist you in your review of clearances no longer needed, and consequently to be terminated, the undersigned has attached a machine records run listing personnel within the Department of State who according to the records of this office currently possess [ ] clearances are indicated in columns B, C and D of this listing. Column B lists clearances for Project CORONA; column C lists Project IDEALIST clearances; column D lists the Project ARGON clearances.

2. The inclusion on the list of such names as Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. would indicate a minor administrative breakdown in the system of communicating to this office the names of those debriefed from the programs. With no specific criticism implied it is imperative that [ ] be promptly notified of the occurrence of indoctrinations and debriefings in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph I, Section IV of the [ ] Manual. Compliance with this procedure will greatly assist the entire community by enabling this office to maintain accurate and current records for prompt verification of [ ] clearances.

3. In order that appropriate changes may be made in the master machine records to bring this listing up-to-date, it is requested that you check the attached list against the records of your office, make appropriate deletions and reconciliations, and return the reconciled list to this office within the next thirty days for proper recording.

4. The undersigned is sympathetic to the unusual requirements fostered upon the Department of State to render judgement as to the

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political implications of the [ ] activities on a somewhat irregular and often urgent basis. It would seem, however, that a careful analysis of the Department's role in relationship to these programs would serve as a basis for a predetermined billet structure designed to meet these requirements. As an example, it would seem that the listing [ ] Department employees currently cleared for IDEALIST is excessive in light of the current scope of that program. This office, being acutely aware of the type of unusual situations as will occur from time to time in the conduct of these projects, has always provided for a degree of tempering in its insistence on a rigidly controlled billet structure and has responded with urgency when the occasion required. It would seem, therefore, that there does not exist valid justification for a large contingency of cleared individuals for unforeseen circumstance.

5. Nor can the undersigned agree that it is administratively impractical and counterproductive of security to undertake a program of security reindoctrinations at set intervals of six months in the Department of State. Experience has shown, particularly when dealing with individuals of stature whose access to project information is more or less infrequent, that periodic reminder as to security criteria and points of reference is highly desirable and usually appreciated by the recipient. It is suggested that a security system failing to provide for a periodic security re-education, particularly in light of current press speculation as to these programs, has a certain dangerous informality about it which could easily lead to inadvertent compromise.

6. It is believed that your reperusal of paragraph 1, reference A will assure you that the undersigned has no alternative but to insist upon full compliance with the procedures outlined in that memorandum.

[ ]  
[ ] Security Officer  
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